

ANTI TAFT PEOPLE
NOT VERY HOPEFUL

Loss of the Tenth Missouri District Has Greatly Lessened Their Chances

IMPAIRS HUGHES' STRENGTH

Committee Consolidated 11th
And 12th Districts and Seated
The Toff Delegations

Manager Hitchcock Says They Are Working for Their Candidate's Nomination on First Ballot

Chicago, June 10.—The Republican national committee resumed its hearings today, taking up first the fight in the Eleventh Missouri district which was postponed last night.

The anti-Taft people announced before the hearing began that they were not over hopeful of success. They said that since the committee decided yesterday in favor of the Taft delegates in the Tenth district there was small chance, in their opinion, of winning out in the remaining contests.

The Missouri contests are between the Hughes and Taft delegations and if all of them are decided in favor of Taft Gov. Hughes will lose the greater part of his instructed delegates outside the state of New York.

Among the arrivals early today were former Representative J. W. Babcock of Wisconsin; Representative James A. Tawney of Minnesota.

It is understood here today that the headquarters of Senator Knox will be opened on Saturday or Sunday. They will be in charge of Col. William R. Andrews of Meadville, Pa., chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation.

MISSOURI CASES.

After calling the Eleventh Missouri district it was decided to consolidate this case with that of the Twelfth district from the same state. Twenty-five minutes were given to each side for the presentation of evidence.

Mr. J. W. Babcock, chairman for Gov.

roughs, appeared at the annual conference for the first time since the beginning of the contest began. The heretofore attendance, however, was much smaller than at any preceding session of the committee. Gov. Warmouth of Louisiana, was reached yesterday in the contest from his state. He expressed himself today much the same manner as he did yesterday and apparently felt exceedingly bitter over the decision made yesterday by the national committee.

TAFT GETS THEM.

The decision in the consolidated case of the Eleventh and Twelfth Missouri districts was in favor of the Taft delegations and they were ordered seated. Committeeman Scott of West Virginia offered a motion providing that both delegations fight for their district be seated with half a vote each.

This was defeated by a standing vote, 31 to 11. Committeeman Aiken of Missouri then offered a motion seating both Taft delegations and this was carried without division.

After the decision in these cases had been declared, Chairman New in discussing the work of the committee with a number of newspaper men said:

"The Taft people on the committee have

been riding rough-shod over everything. I want to say, however, that all the contests that have been settled by the national committee have been decided strictly on their merits and on

After the Missouri contests had been settled, North Carolina was called. In this state there are contests over delegates-at-large, and from the First to Sixth districts inclusive, and in the Eighth district.

not consolidated, the delegates at-large being first taken up with 30 minutes allowed to each side.

HITCHCOCK TALKS.

Manager Frank H. Hitchcock of the Taft forces today made an important declaration in relation to the vice-presidential situation. Mr. Hitchcock said:

"On the question of the nomination of vice president, Secy. Taft and his managers have made no comments or deals; they will not hereafter make any combinations or deals and will not make any use of any of my particular name. We are simply working to secure the nomination of Secy. Taft on the first ballot, and when we have

"The question of the selection of a vice-presidential candidate is a question for the convention to decide and

fluence these selections. Taft has no intention of binding the delegates who cast their votes for him for president to vote for any particular person for vice-president. The Taft people are not backing any candidate for vice-president and they will not do so hereafter.

Taft, as I firmly believe we will, that is all that we can have a right to expect in the way of nominations and we will not attempt to influence the vote for candidate for vice-president. The vice presidential race in all its phases is, so far as the Taft people are concerned, an entirely open question and it

Gov. Darmouth of Louisiana today declared:

"What action will be taken by the Louisiana delegation concerning the decision handed down yesterday by the national committee has not yet been

"The question will not be settled definitely until after the arrival of the full delegation."

The decision of the committee in the contest for delegates-at-large of North Carolina was in favor of the Taft faction. The First North Carolina dis-

The vote for delegates-at-large from North Carolina followed a motion by Robert Reyburn of the District of Columbia to seat the anti-Taft delegation. This was voted down by a viva voce vote. The motion to seat the Taft delegates then prevailed.

North Carolina was denied admission of the Taft delegates. A motion was made and lost to seat both delegations with half a vote each.